



## **H.R. 30 – Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 30 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) on January 4, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, but was not considered.

*\*Note: During the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) introduced similar legislation, H.R. 122, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by voice vote on July 10, 2006. The Senate received the bill, but took no action.*

H.R. 30 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 7, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.R. 30 will provide limited funding to assist the Eastern Municipal Water District in Southern California in upgrading and expanding its water recycling system by replacing older equipment and upgrading the system to handle the additional needs.

### **Background**

EMWD relies heavily on imported water from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta and the Colorado River and uses 100 miles of pipe to transport roughly 8 billion gallons of recycled water each year to the region it services. Due to an increase in municipal customers EMWD has started recycling more groundwater in order to supply the customers with clean drinking water. Nearly 70% of the recycled water goes to agricultural customers, municipal and industrial demands for this supply are rapidly increasing. This bill will provide limited funding to assist EMWD in upgrading and expanding its water recycling system.

### **Cost**

At the time of publication The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 1595.

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